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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CALTRANS CONTINUES EMERGENCY REPAIRS ON APPLGATE ROAD OVERCROSSING ON STATE ROUTE 99 IN CITY OF ATWATER**

***Northbound State Route 99 Full Highway Nightly Closures  
Scheduled through Sunday, November 18, 2018***

**MERCED COUNTY** — The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is continuing repairs of the Applegate Road Overcrossing on State Route 99 (SR-99) in the City of Atwater after the structure was hit by a big rig traveling on northbound SR-99 on the morning of October 11, 2018.

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, efforts began to reconstruct a damaged girder and will require nightly, full-highway closures of northbound SR-99 at Applegate Road from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., through Sunday, November 18, 2018. The preliminary schedule anticipated the repairs might be complete by November 10, but a more thorough analysis led to the extended schedule.

Following inspection by Caltrans bridge engineers, it has been deemed safe for motorists to drive under the overcrossing, although the Applegate Road Overcrossing over SR-99 has been closed to prevent vehicles from adding additional weight as they drive on top of the structure.

#### **ALERT FOR HIGH-PROFILE VEHICLES:**

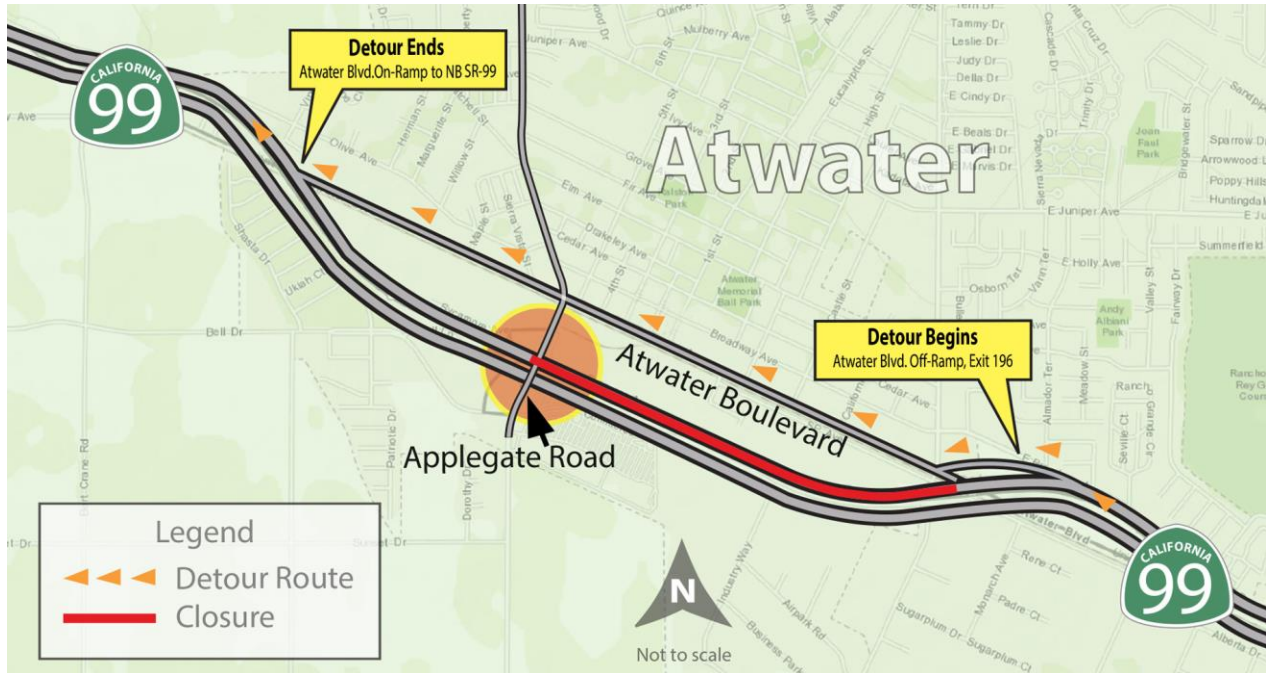
The vertical clearance of the Applegate Road Overcrossing will be temporarily lowered to 14 feet, 6 inches during all repair work. Big rigs and other high-profile vehicles are suggested to take the Atwater Boulevard detour.

#### **DETOUR INFORMATION:**

Motorists traveling on northbound SR-99 will be directed to detour at the Atwater Boulevard Exit 196 approximately 1.5 miles south of Applegate Road, continue north on Atwater Boulevard, and then take the Atwater Boulevard on-ramp to northbound SR-99. Traffic on southbound SR-99 will not be affected. See illustration below.

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Caltrans will continue to provide updates on the emergency repair efforts and any change in schedule for lane closures, highway closures or detour routes.

Safety remains the top priority for Caltrans and it will not re-open the structure until it is determined safe to do so.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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